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TODAY and TOMORROW

Roosevelt's Piteous Appeal

THE war in the western European front and the Pacific theatre is bleeding the Yankees white. No more are they now boasting of their inexhaustible resources in manpower and material resources. It was not quite long ago that General Eisen-Hower, their Supreme Commander in Europe, sent them an S.O.S. call for more ammunitions. Now it is President Roosevelt himself who is crying for more men.

Writing to Representative Andrew J. May, Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee, House of Representatives, Roosevelt points out the urgent need for National Service Law that will empower the Government to mobilise all men between 18 and 45 in order to relieve the nation's acute shortage of manpower. In this connection, Roosevelt reveals the full contents of a letter he has received over the signatures of General Marshall, Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army, and Admiral King, C-in-C. of the U.S. Fleet, asking for more arms and ammunition, more ships and planes, more men—soldiers, sailors and pilots.

While Roosevelt and his war advisers are completely agreed on the imperative necessity for more manpower, both for the fighting forces and war production, not all the American public cares to react to it with any enthusiasm. Both the American Federation of Labour and the Congress of Industrial Organisation have gone on record as opposing the National Service Legislation. The House Committee is strongly protesting against the recruiting of more farmworkers for war purposes. The members of the Isolationist Party, which is gradually increasing in its popularity, are shouting down all schemes to intensify the drain on America's manpower

Of course, one can understand the growing reluctance in America to sacrifice the flower of her manhood at the altar of this global war. What is America fighting for? Is she fighting in self-defence? —No. Is she fighting for any great and noble cause?—No. She is fighting merely with the hope of extending her dollar imperialism over Europe and Asia. Is it any wonder in the light of this fact that the average Yankee is getting fed up with this war business and turns an indifferent ear to piteous appeals for fresh victims for an endless war, even when such appeals come from warmongers of the highest standing in the country like Roosevelt, Marshall and King?

ANGLO-U.S. ARE MENACE TO FREEDOM

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American Philosopher's Arrogant Speech On India's Demand

That the people of the United States are no less opposed to Indian freedom than the British themselves, is revealed in the latest news received here today.

According to a despatch from Hollywood yesterday, Will Durant, well known American philosopher and lecturer speaking at what is called an "Indian Independence Day Celebration" yesterday, frankly admitted it is impracticable to ask for freedom when every nation is interdependent on one another. In India, particularly, British lifeline and Western investments have to be protected and preserved before any freedom can be thought of, said Will Durant. Earlier in his speech, the American philosopher praised the British form of Government and the so-called benefits India has derived therefrom.

In the opinion of competent political observers, Will Durant's speech is most arrogant and reactionary, and it is yet another proof of America's all-out support of Britain's imperialistic policy in India and elsewhere. Herself a capitalistic country existing on the blood of the weaker and coloured nations of the world, it is not surprising that the United States is justifying the inhuman imperialistic domination and exploitation of India and other nations by Britain. Therefore, there can be no salvation for the weaker and enslaved peoples of the world, including Indians, until and unless the twin imperialisms of Britain and America are completely destroyed, conclude the competent political observers.

Bribery & Corruption Rampant In Br. Circles

The utter rottenness of the British administration in India as reflected in the increasing prevalence of bribery and corruption among high and responsible British officials, is revealed in a New Delhi report yesterday. Corruption and bribery are reported to have increased to such an extent particularly after the outbreak of the war that the authorities had to appoint a Special Crime Investigation Police in June 1941 to check the crimes. And as a result of their efforts, it is stated, as many as 187 responsible officials of the Government have been sent to jail and fines have totalled 500,000 rupees. In one case, the accused was fined 100,000 rupees and sentenced to five years' imprisonment, stated the New Delhi report.

Chungking Army Badly Mauled In Mongmit Sector

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Nippon Infiltration Tactics Completely Upset Foe Plans

At the Northern Burma Front, Jan. 17 (Domei)—Resorting to deep infiltration tactics and close-range interception assaults, Nippon forces are inflicting heavy casualties on enemy Chungking forces in the vicinity of Mongmit, situated some 79 kilometres west of Lashio. These American-trained Chungking troops have been advancing from Bhamo with the aim of opening a new supply route connecting the Ledo Road and the old Burma Route.

Particularly remarkable war results were achieved by our close-range attack units which during the ten-day period, from Jan. 1 to 10, killed 270 enemy troops in addition to taking a large quantity of war trophies, including rocketguns, ammunition, uniforms, etc. Meanwhile, during the same ten-day period our forces in engagements with the Chungking-Yunnan Army in the vicinity of Wanting inflicted casualties amounting to 1,541 killed, and captured 24 light and heavy machineguns and other war weapons as well as a large quantity of ammunition.

In the Central Burma sector Nippon air and ground units shot down three and heavily damaged four of enemy planes which attempted to raid our positions on Jan. 15.

LUZON INVADERS CHECKED IN ALL THEATRES OF WAR IN CLOSE-RANGE ACTIONS

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U.S. President Desperate Over War Situation

Lisbon, Jan. 17 (Domei)—Following up his strong appeal to the opening session of Congress for the speedy enactment of his proposed National Service Act, President Roosevelt today was revealed to have sent a letter to Representative Andrew May, Chairman of the House Military Affairs Committee, re-emphasizing that the urgent need for such legislation has increased in the face of the growingly critical war situation, according to a Washington dispatch.

The President called for a prompt approval of his proposal for mobilising all men between 18 and 45 in order to relieve the nation's acute shortage of manpower.

Along with his letter, Roosevelt sent statements by Army General George Marshall, Chief of Staff, and Fleet Admiral Ernest King, Commander-in-Chief of the United States Fleet, which estimated that 700,000 additional war workers will be needed during the next six months.

The statements pointed out that national service legislation was imperative as the increased intensity of operations in the Pacific necessitated major repairs to many American naval vessels and the diversion of manpower to repair work was slowing down the construction of new ships.

Enemy Detouring Attacks Completely Smashed In Big Counter-Offensive

A Nippon Base in the Philippines, Jan. 18 (Domei)—Enemy forces on the Lingayen front on January 15 began attempts at detouring attacks in the eastern San Fabian sector, all of which were however effectively checkmated by our defenders. On the evening of Jan. 15 an enemy detachment, approximately one battalion strong, equipped with three tanks and ten odd trench-mortars, began a detouring movement east of San Fabian and advanced to a point 13 kilometres south-east of San Fabian This detachment however encountered stiff resistance by our forces who launched heavy counter-attacks.

Previous to the commencement of enemy operations in this sector, one of our death-defying attack parties on the night of Jan. 12 carried out another close-range surprise assault against enemy forces in San Fabian. During the course of this slashing night attack our forces blasted five enemy machineguns, nine tents, and four lorries, besides accounting for 20 enemy troops killed and wounded. Five of our men were killed in action in this assault.

Meanwhile, enemy forces which landed at Damortis sent about one company along the Rosarno highway. However, this advance enemy party also met with fierce resistance by our forces in this sector who repulsed the enemy after causing him to suffer 62 casualties.

In the Bindi sector, about 300 enemy troops equipped with ten tanks launched an attack against a height north-east of Bindi which however was completely frustrated by our forces by January 15.

Elaborate Programme For Netaji Jayanthi Day Celebrations Here

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In common with other parts of East Asia, Syonan Indians will celebrate the 48th birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Head of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind and Supreme Commander of the Azad Hind Fauj, which falls on Tuesday, January 23.

The Provisional Government of Azad Hind Day, which is observed on the 21st of every month, will be observed on Sunday next, as usual, but there will be no mass rally on that day in view of the close proximity of Netaji's birthday programme on Tuesday.

The tri-colour national flag and the Hinomaru will, however, be flown side by side in all Indian business premises and public institutions. The flag hoisting ceremony will also be held at the League Branch and at all Indian National Institutions at 10 a.m. on that day when one minute's silent prayer will be observed for the peace of the warriors who had laid down their lives for the cause of India's freedom.

The birthday celebration on Tuesday will be highlighted by a mass meeting, radio talks, recruitment propaganda, prayers in places of worship in the morning, feeding of destitutes in Relief Camp, entertainment of Indian schoolchildren, etc.

Special efforts will also be made to swell the "New Year Gift To India" which is to be presented to Netaji. Those willing to join the "Suicide Squads", the formation of which, on the same lines as the Nipponese "Suicide Squads", are under consideration, are invited to give their names to the Chairman of the League Branch privately.

A Special Edition of the Azad Hind papers in commemoration of the occasion will be issued in the morning on that day.

Yamashita Preparing For Titanic Struggle

Lisbon, Jan. 17 (Domei)—A "New York Times" dispatch, commenting on the American invasion of Luzon, yesterday reported that there is no ground for complacency regarding the current American advance from their beachheads on Luzon as General Tomoyuki Yamashita, Commander-in-Chief of the Nipponese Army in the Philippines, simply appears to be building up his position for a titanic struggle in the sector north of Manila.

This belief is strengthened when one considers that the American forces so far have not encountered fierce and what may be regarded as major opposition, the paper said. There is no doubt that the Nipponese Army is mustering a major part of its forces in Luzon.

Foe Dream Shattered In Luzon War Theatre

(By a War Correspondent)

A Nippon Base at the Philippines Front, Jan. 17 (Domei)—That enemy forces are having extremely tough going on the Luzon front is amply indicated by the fact that their operations are moving at a snail's pace compared with the lightning progress made by our units in driving the Americans from the islands at the outset of the Greater East Asia War.

It may be recalled that by the end of the first week of our Philippines campaign three years ago, Nippon forces which landed at Lingayen Gulf soundly trounced the enemy positioned in the central Luzon plains and irresistibly pushed their way into the suburbs of the city of Manila. At that time our right wing, by driving straight through the central plains, drew near the neck of the Bataan Peninsula.

In the enemy's present invasion operations, fully a week has already elapsed since his landing at the same Gulf, but the enemy main force is still held down in the narrow basins of the Bued and Agno rivers as a result of furious counter-blows by our forces. Only a small enemy patrol unit comprising armoured cars managed to penetrate into the northern extremity of the Pamparga plains. Repeated assaults attempted with the support of tanks by enemy forces operating in the Bued and Agno river basins, have all been turned back with heavy losses to the enemy who retreated, abandoning many dead on the battlefield.

Experiencing serious difficulties in trying to break through our firmly established frontlines the enemy is now attempting desperately to infiltrate into areas held by our forces. These tactics resorted to by the enemy invasion forces in an attempt to avoid direct contact with our forces, is affording our main strength a grand opportunity to consolidate their positions further and destroy the enemy at one stroke. Indications are that sledgehammer blows will be dealt the enemy just at the moment when his infiltrating tactics appear to be going well.

Indians Here Form Free Labour Service Squads

Syonan, January 19 (Domei)—In line with their fellow-citizens of various communities in Syonan, members of the Indian Independence League here and the Azad Hind Fauj have voluntarily formed themselves into Free Labour Service squads to be mobilized for action in the event of any enemy air-raid.

Members of these squads, revealed an official of the Rear Headquarters, Indian Independence League, will help the authorities and the general public in removing debris, rescuing air-raid victims and other work of a similar nature during any period of emergency. They have already contacted the Welfare Department, Special Municipality, and their services have been accepted.

This Corps will be similar to other units comprising Nippon civilians, Auxiliary Police and Air Raid personnel, and members of the Special Forward Service Corps of the Syonan Sports Association, who recently rendered yeoman service in the latest air-raid on this city. It is felt that with the recent formation of Indian volunteers for rescue work, the defence structure of Syonan will be greatly strengthened.

At the same time, it is reliably understood that Indian civilians have similarly organized themselves into Free Labour Service squads. All those wishing to avail themselves of this opportunity to do useful public work should immediately contact the Secretary, Sree Sohan Singh, c/o Indian Independence League, Waterloo Street, for further details.

Grim, Widespread Battles Raging On Eastern Front

Berlin, Jan. 17 (Domei)—The great winter battle on the Eastern Front now going on at no less than six separate battlefields, increased in fury yesterday, according to frontline dispatches to Berlin. In the great Vistula bend in Poland the situation has become more tense, the German High Command communique said. Here the Soviets threw nine rifle divisions and 15 tank formations into the battle. In the course of heavy fighting Soviet tank spearheads managed to advance into the region north-east of Kmakow, into the region of Czestochowa, south of Tomshov and north of Warsaw. In the rear of Soviet spearheads strong German armoured groups offered embittered resistance to mass pursuing Soviet formations, the German High Command announced.

North of Warsaw, the enemy scored deep penetrations to the west with 40 infantry divisions and several tank corps. As a result of stubborn German resistance, however, the Soviet assault was halted near Modlin, west of Nasielsk, and south-east of Ciechanov, the communique said.

In Hungary the Soviets were driven further back in an attack north of the Danube. The German-Hungarian garrison in Budapest continued heavy defensive fighting in the centre of the city. Between Romínten heath and Pillkalen in the East Prussia frontier, the Soviets with strong aerial support again tried to force a break-through with about 25 rifle divisions and numerous tank formations. Except for a few dents which were subsequently sealed up, the main battlefield remained in German hands, the German communique said. German bomber and fighter formations with the clearing of the fog assisted ground troops in fighting and in the past 48 hours knocked out 65 Soviet tanks.

Owing to heavy losses suffered in the past few days the strength of American attacks on the Western Front, south of Malmedy and on the Belgo-Luxembourg frontier decreased somewhat yesterday, the Fuehrer's Headquarters communique said. In several sectors German armoured formations counter-attacked and forced the enemy on the defensive, at the same time consolidating their positions, the German communique said. American attacks on the German bridgehead at Fraulautern in the Moselle failed. In the Rhine bridgehead north of Strasbourg the Germans repulsed several enemy attacks.

In Central Italy reconnaissance activity flared up again on both sides, particularly in the region south of Bologna and along the Adriatic coast. German air defences destroyed 34 enemy aircraft over Reich territory yesterday. Retaliation fire against Greater London continued yesterday, the German High Command announced.

Eden Evasive On British Policy In 'Liberated' Areas

Lisbon, January 17 (Domei)—British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden experienced a trying House of Commons session today when he was bombarded with pertinent questions regarding British policy, especially with reference to Greece, and forced to resort to evasion and sarcasm in order to ward off the "baiting" tactics of his questioners, according to a London dispatch.

The British Foreign Secretary evaded major questions, asserting that British Prime Minister Churchill will clarifying the Government's attitude toward these issues in a statement in the House of Commons tomorrow.

Questioned regarding the Greek situation, Eden denied that the British Government has undertaken any commitments with King George II of Greece, Regent Archbishop Damaskines or Greek Premier General Nicholas Plastiras when he was asked about the future position of the "ELAS" as affecting the British and Greek governments.

When questioned by Miss Ward, Conservative, about the Greek Trade Union leaders who visited the British Ambassador to Greece, Eden said that they claimed to be legitimate and duly elected officials of the General Confederation of Workers in Greece but he could not add anything to that statement.

Asked if he then regarded them as being bona fide, Eden said it was difficult "to assess these things in a country in which trade unions have been suppressed for a number of years".

Emanuel Shinwell, Labourite, quickly intervening asked, "If these questions are difficult to assess how do you account for the fact that the British Broadcasting Corporation declared that these trade union leaders are bona fide and represent 170,000 Greek workers when in fact they represent none but themselves?"

Questioned about Italy's pre-war possessions and his statement earlier that the British Government had no intention of returning to Italy all of its North African colonies, Eden said that the future of Italian pre-war possessions in Libya and Tripoli must await the consideration of the anti-Axis nations at the conclusion of peace.

Wanton Destruction In British-Elas Conflict

Lisbon, January 17 (Domei)—Two thousand one hundred and ninety-seven houses were destroyed or damaged in the Athens area alone as the result of fighting between British and "ELAS" forces, according to a London dispatch quoting a survey made by the Greek Government.

Meantime, a Reuter's dispatch from Athens reported that Field Marshal Harold Alexander, Supreme Anti-Axis Commander for the Mediterranean Theatre, and British Resident Minister Harold MacMillan today arrived in the Greek capital to confer with Major-General Ronald Scobie, Officer Commanding British Forces in Greece.

Malai Postal Savings Hit High Peak In Dec.

Postal savings throughout Malai for December 2604 registered the highest record, the net increase being $2,896,925.

The total deposits amounted to $3,836,658 while the total withdrawal for the month was $941,735.

The total amount of deposits and the total number of depositors up to the end of the year reached $16,566,570 and 404,271, respectively, the number of new depositors for the month being 28,328.

The following is a detailed account showing the increase made in December, 2604:—

State.	Depositors.	Deposits.
Perak	7,718	$774,743
Selangor	876	575,348
Syonan	3,938	555,431
Penang	2,206	340,367
Johore	4,148	266,024
Negri Sembilan	993	143,726
Malacca	4,724	133,956
Pahang	3,668	76,895
Others	57	30,433
Total	28,328	$2,896,923

Until the end of December 2604, the total amount of deposits and the number of depositors are:—

Selangor	26,016	$3,478,510
Syonan	67,832	3,306,929
Perak	66,534	2,604,837
Johore	70,751	2,385,009
Penang	78,185	2,051,778
N. Sembilan	34,205	1,072,717
Malacca	32,467	800,054
Pahang	19,651	438,179
Others	8,630	428,557
Total	404,271	$16,566,570

Bishop Devals Passes Away In Seremban

Syonan, Jan. 19 (Domei)—The Head of the Catholic Church in Malai for the past 11 years, Monseignor Adrian Devals, Bishop for the Diocese of Malacca, passed away at the Seremban Hospital on Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 3 p.m. at the age of 63.

The Bishop who was admitted to Seremban Hospital a few weeks back from Bahau, recently underwent an operation which necessitated the amputation of his right leg.

The funeral took place this morning at 10 at the Seremban Catholic Cemetery.

In Syonan this morning a Requiem High Mass for the repose of his soul was sung at the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd attended by Catholics of all denominations, the service ending with the blessing of the catafiaque on which were placed the late Bishop's vestments and the mitre.

NOTICE

A REQUIEM HIGH MASS will be sung at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Ophir Road, (Indian Parish) tomorrow Saturday the 20th inst. at 8 a.m. for the repose of the soul of His Lordship Adrian Devals, Bishop of Malacca, who passed away in Seremban last Wednesday.

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Abortive Foe Raid On Central & North Taiwan

Taihoku, Jan. 17 (Domei)—About 80 China-based B-29 heavy bombers attacked the central and northern parts of Taiwan, Wednesday morning, according to a communique released by the Taiwan Army at 4.30 this afternoon. The communique said some 40 casualties were caused. However, otherwise damage done was extremely slight.

The communique follows:

"About 10.50 a.m. today, Jan. 17, approximately 80 B-29's from the China continent penetrated over the central and northern parts of this island and dropped bombs in the Shinchikushu area. The enemy raiders left in a westerly direction toward the sea by 12 noon. Some 40 casualties were caused among our citizens. However, otherwise damage caused was slight".

Chen Kung-Po's Gift To Tokyo Citizens

Toyko, Jan. 17 (Domei)—Five hundred tons of sugar donated by Doctor Chen Kung-po, Acting President of the National Government of China, a portion of which arrived here recently, will be distributed to families throughout the Metropolis shortly. The sugar which was produced in China, is a gift of appreciation to the citizens of Tokyo from President Chen Kung-po for the goodwill and co-operation extended him during his tenure as Mayor of the Shanghai Municipality.

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Indians whose property returns have been incorrectly declared either wilfully or through oversight, are required to submit fresh returns or amend their forms and give them to their respective Chairman before the 21st January 2605, the last date fixed for amendments.

Returns found to be wrong or incorrect after that date will not receive the privileges that correct returns will be entitled to.

The necessary forms can be had on application at any League Office.

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Syonan Indians are requested to contribute to the NEW YEAR GIFT TO INDIA FUND to the best of their ability through the members of the L.A.C. who have been authorised to receive Donations from the Indian public in their respective divisions.

Chairman,
I.I.L., Syonan Branch.

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